Implementation of NREGP

994. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Advisory Council (NAC) has finalized the guidelines to bring about the delivery oriented implementation x>f the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NAC has also discussed the areas of concern relating to regional development to bridge the regional disparities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof especially with reference to Orissa State to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) (a): and (b) For effective implementation of the National Rural Employment Gaurantee Act, 2005, detailed operational Guidelines have been prepared by Ministry of Rural Development after holding discussions with Members of Parliament, State Governments, eminent people, NGOs and members of National Advisory Council (NAC). The Guidelines are available on the web site of this Ministry. Copies of the guidelines have also been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) The subject of regional development and Centre-State relations was raised in a recent meeting of the NAC. While these discussions are likely to continue, it was felt that ways and means may need to be devised to augment the flow of resources to those State and Districts which are most in need of developing the physical and social infrastructure.

IAY in Rajasthan

995. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the genesis and objective of Indira Awaas Yojana and how does it differ from other schemes for dwelling construction;

(b) what are the criteria for allocation of funds under IAY to States;

(c) the funds allowed to Rajasthan, under IAY, during 2004-05 and 2005-2006 and targets fixed thereof, year-wise;